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GENERAL MEETING - MAY 17, 1990

It is with great enthusiasm that we look forward to our next General Meeting. Ms. Margaret Marsh, a professor of history at Stockton State College, will be our guest speaker.

Ms. Marsh's recently published book, Suburban Lives, is an exploration of the national trend toward suburbanization from the early nineteenth century through the early post-World War II era. It focuses on the lives of American middle-class families and the evolution of their value systems as they parallel the environmental changes they experienced. Ms. Marsh's presentation will center on Haddonfield's gradual development as a Philadelphia suburb after the advent of the commuter railroad in this town.

This meeting will be held in Greenfield Hall at 8 P.M. All are welcome!

The Village Fair

As we usher in a new decade, the 1990 "Village Fair" to be held Saturday, June 2, on the grounds of the Historical Society, will feature not only the familiar favorites of the past, but also some new surprises inspired by the "gay" 90's.

Visitors to the fair will be able to dress the part and even save the moment in a "old time family portrait" taken at a photo booth provided by our friends from the Haddonfield Plays & Players. Children and adults will enjoy this opportunity to "dress up" in "gay 90's attire.

The traditional garage sale offers everyone a chance to find a very special attic treasure to recycle. The garage will be open to receive donations on May 28 to June 1 from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. All books, jewelry and miscellaneous attic items are welcome. If you have any questions, call Dot Sherrerd at 429-6242. If you need assistance in getting your donation to the garage, call Debbie

Moore at 428-7420. She will arrange to have your donation picked up.

During the day, fair visitors will be able to nourish themselves with those old time ball park favorites--hot dogs! They can also satisfy their sweet tooth at the baked good booth while they stroll our fair grounds. Craft booths and entertainment will also delight our visitors. Children's games will entertain the youngsters and of course, don't forget to purchase some of the farm-fresh Jersey strawberries which will be for sale. However, keep in mind that these area most popular item and usually disappear like magic. So plan to arrive at the fair early and stay for a full day of festivities and then you will be guaranteed not to miss out on any of the fun!

Sometime during the next few weeks all members will be contacted by telephone by a member of the Board of Trustees who will ask for donations for the baked goods booth and for help on the day of the fair. Your support is essential to the success of the fair.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The heart and soul of any organization is its membership and the Historical Society of Haddonfield is fortunate to have a diverse, enthusiastic membership to support it. The large number of people who attend both the Annual Dinner and the Family History Workshops are an indication of the interest and devotion of many to the Society. As Doug Rauschenberger and I have attended the meetings of a number of other organizations in Haddonfield to share with them our "Lost Haddonfield" program, however, I have become aware of a number of misconceptions which many people have about membership in the Society.

The first misconception people appear to have is that membership is only for those who are serious historians or collectors of antiques. In 1914 when the Society was established, Julia Bedford Gill, one of the founders, wrote that every man, woman and child should be a member of the Historical Society. The purposes of the Society today are the same as those stated in the original incorporation papers of the Society in 1914, and the idea that every man, woman and child should be a member is one which is also still valid. The Historical Society is a resource which has something to offer all segments of the community and which in turn needs the membership support of a wide cross-section of the community.

The second misconception which I have consistently encountered is that in order to be a member one needs to have huge amounts of time to devote to the activities of the Society. The Historical Society has no "requirements" for membership other than the annual payment of dues. For those who have the time, the Society has projects which involve Greenfield Hall, the library, the conservation of various collections, school programs, and fund-raising events, but for those who simply appreciate the fact that we are there, collecting and preserving local history for future generations, annual membership and occasional financial gifts are both important and very much appreciated by the Society.

I would like to enlist the assistance of every member of the Society as a "member" of our Membership Committee, which Connie Reeves chairs with incredible enthusiasm and ability. When you are talking with friends about the Society, encourage them to join. Let others know what you already know, that the Historical Society is for everyone and that we truly want everyone to be a member.

Kathy Tassini
President

COSTUME COLLECTION GRANT PROPOSED

With the able assistance of our Administrator, Debbie Troemner, the Costume Division of the Acquisitions Committee has submitted a major grant proposal to the New Jersey Historical Commission. The Society proposes to sort, identify, properly conserve and store the extensive costume and textile collection. If the funds are approved, we will be looking for a number of volunteers to work with two professional costume conservators beginning in September. You may contact Debbie Troemner at the Society on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays to indicate your interest in the project.

DOCENT TRIP TO THE MOORESTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society's Docents and Acquisition Committee have arranged to provide guided tour of the Moorestown Historical Society's Costume Exhibition on Tuesday, May 29, 1990 at 12:30 P.M. Following the tour, tea will be served at the Moorestown Society's headquarters, the Smith-Cadbury House. Members of the Society who have an interest in joining the Society's Docent Program or Costume Preservation Project are cordially invited to join the tour. The cost is \$4.00

The Moorestown Historical Society has recently undertaken a major conservation project of their costume collection. Highlighting this year's exhibition will be a display of Victorian era white dresses appropriately displayed in the gardens of the Society's house, as well as sports and recreational attire and a wonderful "Miss Liberty" costume.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GREENFIELD HALL!

The Society hosted four members of the Haddonfield Rotary Club's visitors from India on the morning of April 4th for coffee and a tour of Greenfield Hall, followed by a walking tour of Haddonfield lead by Margie Kanupke and Kathy Tassini.

Thanks to the generosity of the Woman's Committee, a new roof has been installed on the garage and

needed repairs have been made to the roofs of Greenfield Hall and the Hip Roof House. Even the small brick "dependency" has a new coat of paint on it's tin roof.

The Haddonfield Garden Club held their annual Herb, Perennial and Pantry Sale on the grounds of the Society on Thursday, April 26th.

SUNDAY WORKSHOPS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Society is enormously pleased that the Workshop Series held on four Sunday afternoons in March and April on Preserving Your Family History, attracted near capacity audiences of the Society's members and the public. The four lectures were attended by 180 participants. The Society's good fortune to have been selected by the Photography Sesquicentennial Project lecture series, which was funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and the Philadelphia National Bank, enabled the presentation of the final lecture on the preservation of photographs.

It is especially gratifying that eight individuals became new members of the Society through their participation in the Workshop Series.

Special thanks go to Blair Murphy for supplying additional chairs and to Carleton Reed for providing a portable microphone system for the sessions at Greenfield Hall. Mary Freedley and Nancy Burrough were invaluable in their assistance in registering the Workshop participants.

ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT DINNER

The Society's Annual Candlelight Dinner, held on March 29 at Tavistock Country Club, brought together more that 120 members and guests for an evening of warm fellowship. Highlighting the evening was the inaugural presentation of the slide program "Lost Haddonfield" by Doug Rauschenberger and Kathy Tassini. The photographs of Haddonfield's past so beautifully narrated by Doug and Kathy brought a glow of wonderful nostalgia to the gathering.

Society member Dorothy Daly created the stunning floral centerpieces which went home with the fortunate guest at each table whose birthday was closest to Dorothy's.

LOST HADDONFIELD AUTHORS HONORED

Kathy Tassini and Doug Rauschenberger were honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution for their contributions to local history which included the Society's publication, Lost Haddonfield. Kathy and Doug were the recipients of the American History Award at the state dinner of the Daughters of the American Revolution held at the Cherry Hill Hyatt Hotel on March 28. The nomination for this award was made by the Haddonfield Chapter #2036, whose Regent is Mrs. Anthony Forlenza.

COUNTRY AUCTION OCTOBER 6, 1990

It is not too early to think of the Society's Country Auction. We will accept items (old and new) of an approximate minimum value of \$100 to sell on consignment with a 20% commission of the sale price to go to the Society. If an item does not sell, it will be returned at no charge. As usual, we will be accepting donated rugs, china, glass, rare books, old newspapers and furniture.

We ask at this time that you please consider making a donation or submitting an item for consignment and encourage your friends to do likewise.

GIFTS

The following gifts to the Society are acknowledged with great appreciation.

Haddonfield Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution

Evening Department of the
Haddon Fortnightly
Miss Helen Magee

Mrs. A. T. Bauer

Mrs. Robert A. Moore
Mrs. Stanley L. Brown
Duncan McIntosh

A donation in honor of the Society's seventy-fifth anniversary.

A donation for the Lost Haddonfield program by
Doug Rauschenberger and Kathy Tassini
An American Flag with 44 stars, a milk glass dresser set and a
collection of clothing, circa 1800-1850.
A dressmakers form and collection of clothing from her
grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Ephraim Tomlinson
A Rose lustre pitcher and an ink well in the shape of a duck.
A collection of late 19th century hand made lace, silver hat pin
Copies of Ladder of Hope and Our Heritage and
miscellaneous items.

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MEMBERSHIP

The Society welcomes the following new members.

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Mrs. George M. Snyder
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Mrs. Ralph Eastwick
Ms. Jean Gutmuth
Ms. Joyce Hillman
Ms. Susanne H. Lippincott
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